

## **REMARKS**

### **Summary of Office Action**

Claims 1-6 and 8-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6 and 8-33 have been examined and are rejected. In the above amendments, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 26, and 27 have been amended. Claims 3-4 have been cancelled. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-2, 5-6 and 8-33 will be pending in this application. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

### **Interview Summary**

An interview was held on 11 September 2008 between Examiner Opsasnick and the undersigned. Various claim amendments were proposed in view of the Examiner's recommendation of adding functional language to accentuate different processing delays as noted in the DETAILED ACTION item #5 of the Office Action dated 11 July 2008. It was agreed that an amendment adding language to the effect that "the indication of detected voice activity is transmitted at least one frame earlier than the plurality of features" would satisfy the Examiner's comments.

### **Rejection of Claims 26-33 Under 35 U.S.C. §101**

Claim 26 and 27 are amended pursuant to the Examiner's recommendation in DETAILED ACTION, item #2, of the Office Action dated 07/11/2008. Accordingly, the rejections are overcome by the amendment, and reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

### **Rejection of Claims 1,2,5,6 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

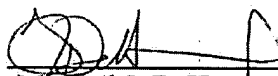
Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 26 and 27 are amended as agreed during the interview of 11 September. Pursuant to item #5 of the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the amended claims now distinguish over the cited art. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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